

DATE: _____ NAME: _____

**ineluctable inertia inexorable inextricable infandous insidious inimical
inimitable iniquitous innocuous insularity intoned intractable intransigent**

- 1} The Old Bach's _____ on the pitfalls of marriage got him elected as president of the *He-Man's Woman Haters Society*.
- 2} Farmer Tice blamed his laziness on _____. If ever there was a song about him, it'd be called *I Can't Get Started*.
- 3} *Break up your stills & get to work!* Reverend Muler _____.
- 4} Farmer Tice never won a fight with his _____ wife.
- 5} Chores are an _____ part of farming. No escape.
- 6} Most doctors are _____ on the issue of prescribing addictive narcotics for anything other than severe, chronic pain.
- 7} Even the most harmless, _____ notions on the joys & benefits of marriage would give The Old Bach severe anxiety attacks.
- 8} Farmer Tice's laziness was _____ to his success as a productive farmer.
- 9} Farmer Tice's _____ lies and excuses for getting out of doing farm work were next to impossible to control. It was like trying to treat a bad hemorrhoid.
- 10} Yes indeed, the _____ Farmer Tice is truly one of a kind.
- 11} To Farmer Tice, being sentenced to 60 days of hard labor on his own farm with his wife serving as warden was nothing short of being _____. It was the worst thing he could ever imagine, & the mere thought of it gave him nightmares.
- 12} King George III forced several _____ taxes on the colonists that cause them to revolt. That resulted in the Revolutionary War.
- 13} Farmer Tice's copious excuses were so _____ that all Judge Krudd could say was "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."
- 14} Alcohol & drug addictions are _____ diseases that are often taken lightly, yet they destroy happy families as well as people's lives.

Farmer Tice's Vocabulary Puzzle

College Level Words #23

More fun than a barrel of hillbillies !!© by
Nelson Donley, Farmer Tice Books FarmerTice.com

1. ineluctable adj. Impossible to avoid, escape, or resist; inevitable. *The **ineluctable** passage of time changes every generation. Paying taxes is an **ineluctable** part of life.*

2. inertia n. 1: The tendency of an object to remain at rest or in motion unless acted upon by an outside force.
2: A tendency to remain inactive or unchanged. *His **inertia** kept him from starting the project, even though he knew it was important. Morning is when **inertia** sets in and I become slow in getting started.*

3. inexorable adj. Impossible to stop, persuade, or prevent; relentless. *The **inexorable** advance of the wildfire forced everyone to evacuate. Genghis Khan is history's ultimate **inexorable** warrior.*

4. inextricable adj. Impossible to separate, disentangle, or escape. *Their financial problems became inextricable from their personal disagreements. His legal problems are **inextricably** linked to several Rico predicates.*

5. infandous in-FAN-dous adj. Too horrible or shameful to be spoken of; unspeakably wicked. *Adolf Hitler was responsible for **infandous** crimes against humanity.*

6. insidious adj. Proceeding in a gradual, subtle way with harmful effects; treacherous. The ultimate results are severe. *Diabetes can be an **insidious** disease because symptoms often appear slowly. Deficit spending **insidiously** leads to the total destruction of the economy.*

7. inimical ih-NIM-ih-kul adj. Harmful, hostile, or unfriendly; adverse. *Constant criticism is **inimical** to a child's self-confidence. Censorship is **inimical** to a free society. Adding too much acid to the soil was **inimical** to the crops. Your thumping on the table is **inimical** to my thought process. Evil thoughts are **inimical** to godliness.*

8. inimitable in-im-ih-ta-ble adj. So unique or excellent that it cannot be copied or matched. *The comedian's **inimitable** style made him instantly recognizable. Heifetz's **inimitable** version of the Tchaikovsky concerto...*

9. iniquitous in-NICK-wih-tus adj. Grossly unjust, immoral, or wicked. *The king's iniquitous laws favored the wealthy and oppressed the poor. The **iniquitous** institution of slavery was finally abolished by President Lincoln.*

10. innocuous adj. Harmless; not likely to cause injury or offense. *What seemed like an **innocuous** comment unexpectedly offended several people. The doctor gave him an **innocuous** placebo that he thought was medicine.*

11. insular adj. / **insularity** n. (1) Narrow-minded. *Your **insular** attitude caused you to avoid buying Nvidia & cost you a lot of money. Monks live an **insular** lifestyle.* (2) Relating to or living on an island. *The **insularity** of living on a desert island can be maddening. Your **insularity** is the reason you have no close friends.*

12. intone v. To recite or speak in a prolonged, monotone voice, especially during a religious ceremony. To speak or recite words with a little rise and fall in the voice, or in a flat, chanting, or formal tone. It is often used for religious, official, dramatic, or robotic speech.. *The choir began to **intone** the ancient hymn. The thespian **intoned** Hamlet's soliloque brilliantly. You are sentenced to life in prison, the judge **intoned**.*

13. intractable adj. Difficult or impossible to control, manage, or solve. *The negotiators faced an **intractable** dispute that had lasted for decades. My **intractable** rash requires stronger medication. My **intractable** financial problems are now being handled by a CPA.*

14. intransigent adj. **intransigence** n. Unwilling to compromise or change one's views; stubbornly inflexible. Both sides remained *intransigent*, making an agreement impossible. *President Trump takes an **intransigent** stand against gun control.*

Memory Aids

ineluctable "No luck escaping." If something is ineluctable, there's no luck getting away from it.

inertia "Inert = inactive." Inertia keeps things sitting still or continuing as they are.

inexorable "No exit." An inexorable force keeps coming—you can't stop it.

inextricable "Extra tangled." Something inextricable cannot be untangled.

infandous "Too foul to fan out." The act is so horrible it shouldn't even be spoken of.

insidious "Inside, it hides." An insidious danger works secretly and gradually.

inimical "Enemy." Inimical sounds like enemy—hostile or harmful.

inimitable "Cannot imitate." If you can't imitate it, it's inimitable.

iniquitous "Iniquity = evil." Iniquitous means deeply immoral or unjust.

innocuous "No knock." It won't knock you down—it's harmless.

insular / Insularity ? "Island." An island is isolated, so insular people isolate themselves from outside ideas.

intone "In one tone." To intone is to speak in one monotone.

intractable "Not tractable." If something isn't tractable, it can't be managed.

intransigent "Won't transition." An intransigent person refuses to change or compromise.

ANSWERS TO FARMER TICE'S COLLEGE VOCABULARY #23

1. insularity
2. inertia
3. intoned
4. inexorable
5. ineluctable
6. intransigent
7. innocuous
8. inimical
9. intractable
10. inimitable
11. infandous
12. iniquitous
13. inextricable
14. insidious